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GOVERNOR'S BUDGET HEARING — IOWA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

On November 22, 2017, Governor Kim Reynolds held a budget hearing for the Iowa Communications Network (ICN). Acting Executive Director Philip Groner stated that the ICN does not have a budget request for FY 2019. The ICN receives its operational funding through billing for the services it provides to the State, educational institutions, and the health care industry, as well as to public safety departments through the management of landline and wireless 911 networks.

Acting Director Groner also provided updates on the office's programs and initiatives over the last year, stating that the ICN reduced Internet rate costs to educational institutions by over \$800,000 in FY 2017. Additionally, the ICN has implemented a 10.0% reduction in Internet rates across State government, and continues to partner with the Office of the Chief Information Officer, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Iowa State University, and the Iowa Army National Guard to provide cybersecurity services across the State.

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